

Facilities: Kings Canyon Area & USFS - Winter 2015-16

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In winter, fewer facilities are available. Stop at the visitor center in Grant Grove for information, exhibits, and a film.

Grant Grove

6600' elevation. Experience a pristine sequoia grove and one that was logged in the 1800s.

Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center

See page 2. Movie, exhibits in English & Spanish.

Grant Grove Village

- Restaurant: Daily 7:30–9:30am, 11:30am–2:30pm, & 5–8:30pm.
- Market & Gift Shop: Friday–Sunday 8:30am–6:30pm; Monday–Thursday 9am–5pm. Food, supplies, clothing, ATM. Ski/snowshoe rentals once enough snow accumulates.
- Lodging: 1-559-335-5500. Registration moves to John Muir Lodge in late December. Details, page 5.

U.S. Post Office Hours may vary. Monday–Friday 9am–4pm; 24-hour lobby. Send visitor mail

c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Pay Telephones (cell phones rarely work)

Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); outside gift shop & market.

Cedar Grove - closed until spring

4600' elevation. Along the South Fork of the Kings River on the floor of the Kings Canyon. Road usually reopens the 4th Friday in April. Lodge, market, and grill reopen mid-May.

National Forest & Monument

Hume Lake & Big Meadows areas are in Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest. You pass through the monument when you drive between Lodgepole and Grant Grove and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove. Some areas and roads in the vicinity remain closed due to the Rough Fire (see page 7).

USFS Hume Lake District Office (USFS)

35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) 19 miles west

of park entrance. Weekdays 8am–4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia

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- Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove: Summer near the Big Meadows trailhead.
- Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove: Hume Lake (year round; see Hume Lake below).

Lodging - Details on page 5.

Gasoline Sales Outside the parks or at Hume Lake. See page 12.

Hume Lake (on private land)

All year. Open year-round to the public: gas station usually 24 hours (with US credit card, not international). Market may be open some weekdays/limited hours through December; starting in January open daily, & snack bar may open weekends. North of Grant Grove 8 miles on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles. 1-559-305-7770.

Montecito Sequoia Resort (USFS permittee)

All year. Daily. On Generals Highway 9 miles south of Grant Grove. Meals 7:30am–9am, 12–1pm, 5:30–7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900; 1-559-565-3388.

Stony Creek Resort (USFS permittee)

Closed until spring. On Generals Hwy south of Grant Grove. 1-800-227-9900; 559-565-3909.

Boyden Cavern Tours (USFS permittee)

Closed until spring. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. 1-888-965-8243.

Basic Rules & Regulations:

National Parks (NPS) & National Forests (USFS) lie next to each other here. Some activities are illegal in the Park but legal in the Forest.

Can I...	In National Parks 	In National Forest 
Walk my leashed pets?	Not on any trails. OK 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). Certified service dogs only (not assistance or therapy animals); see www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010	Pets can go on trails. In both areas: Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long.
Collect things to take home?	Leave things where you find them to play their natural role in the ecosystem. In both areas: Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.	Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted.
Hunt or shoot?	Not in the Parks. Visitors are responsible for understanding & complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering the parks.	Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.
Drive off-road?	Not in the parks. Stay on roads.	Get specific information on off-highway-vehicle (OHV) routes at USFS Hume Lake office in Dunlap or Kings Canyon Visitor Center.
Cut wood?	Not in the Parks.	Call Hume Lake Ranger District for wood permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.
Build fires?	Restrictions are in effect in the park and forest; always check locally for up-to-date information. In park, only in fire grills in some campgrounds & some picnic areas.	Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves & lanterns. Get permits at visitor center in Grant Grove or USFS in Dunlap.
Go fishing?	In both areas: Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.	
Ride a bicycle?	Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). In both areas: Under 18 years old must wear helmets.	Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles.
Snowmobile?	Not in the parks.	Only on designated routes. Trailheads at Cherry Gap, Big Meadows, & Quail Flat may remain closed due to Rough Fire. Call 1-559-338-2251.

